

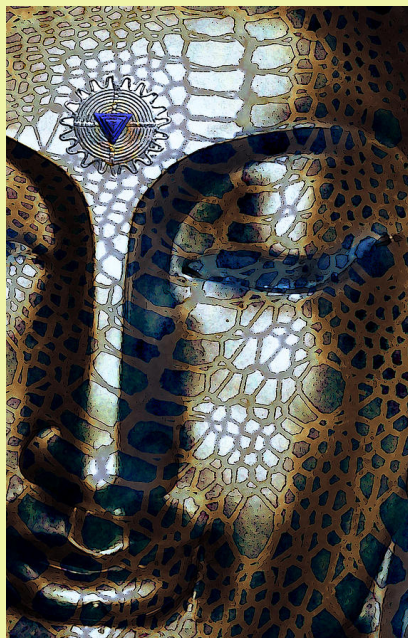


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## hartford street zc news

## Just as the sun, appearing in the world,


appearing in the world, is not concealed because those who are born blind do not see it, and is not hidden by the obstruction of such things as mirages, eclipses, trees, high mountains, deep ravines, dust, mist, smoke, or clouds, and is not concealed by the change of seasons, so



also are the enlightening beings—they have great virtues, their minds are deep and broad, they observe with true mindfulness, without boredom; because they want ultimate virtue and knowledge their minds aspire to the supreme truth; the light of truth illumines everywhere and they perceive the meanings of everything. Their knowledge freely commands all avenues of teaching, and in order to benefit all sentient beings they always practice virtuous ways, never mistakenly conceiving the idea of abandoning sentient beings.

They do not reject sentient beings and fail to cultivate dedication because of the meanness of character of sentient beings, or because their erroneous views, ill will, and confusion are hard to quell.

The enlightening being just array themselves with the armor of great vows of enlightening beings, saving sentient beings



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**public schedule**

**mondays**  
\*7:00 am zazen  
\*7:40 am morning chanting service  
*\*last monday of each month, no morning schedule*  
6:00 pm zazen  
6:40 pm evening chanting service

**tuesdays - fridays**

without ever retreating; they do not withdraw from enlightening activity and abandon the path of enlightenment just because sentient beings are ungrateful, they do not get sick of sentient beings just because ignoramus altogether give up all the foundations of goodness which accord with reality, or because they repeatedly commit excesses and evils which are hard to bear.

Why? Just as the sun does not appear in the world for just one thing, so too the enlightening beings do not cultivate roots of goodness and dedicate them to complete perfect enlightenment just for the sake of one sentient being—it is in order to save and safeguard all sentient beings everywhere that they cultivate roots of goodness and dedicate them to unexcelled complete perfect enlightenment. In the same way, it is not just to see one Buddha, not just to comprehend one doctrine, that they initiate the determination for great knowledge and dedicate it to unexcelled complete perfect enlightenment—it is to purify all buddha-lands, out of faith in all Buddhas, to understand all Buddha teachings, that they initiate great vows, cultivate the foundations of goodness, and dedicate them to unexcelled complete perfect enlightenment.

-From the Avatamsaka Sutra section Ten Dedications tr. Thomas Cleary



## upcoming events:

**dharmatalks** @10:15am saturdays

*hszc speakers*

**Myō Lahey** - jul 18; aug 1, 8, 22, 29

**Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock** - jul 25

*guest speakers* - **Anshi Daigi, Zachary Smith** - jul 11; **Dale Borglum** - aug 15; **Anshi Daigi, Zachary Smith** - sept 19; **Laura Burges** - oct 17; **Fugan, Eugene Bush** - nov 14; **Ryuei, Michael McCormick** - dec 12

6:00 am zazen  
6:40 am kinhin (walking meditation)  
6:50 am zazen  
7:20 am chanting service  
7:40 am soji (brief temple cleaning)

6:00 pm zazen  
6:40 pm chanting service

**thursdays study hour 7:30pm**

### saturdays

6:30 am zazen  
7:10 am chanting service  
7:25 am soji  
8:30 am drop-in instruction  
9:25 am zazen  
10:15 am dharma talk  
11:00 am refreshments/social\*

*\* if a ceremony applies it will occur before social time*

**full moon ceremony - saturday, aug 1 @11am** - full sturgeon moon. the fishing tribes are given credit for the naming of this Moon, since sturgeon, a large fish of the Great Lakes and other major bodies of water, were most readily caught during this month. a few tribes knew it as the Full Red Moon because, as the Moon rises, it appears reddish through any sultry haze. it was also called the Green Corn Moon or Grain Moon

**study hour - thursdays @7:30pm:** the Vimalakīrti Sūtra. we can share books for anyone who wants to join in, or feel free to purchase a copy and join us (many are very low cost online, we focus on [Dr. Thurman's version](#)).

**closure & schedule changes -**

**first monday of each month** - no morning program, only evening [schedule](#)

**founder monthly memorials** - [Issan's](#) is the 6th of each month and [Philip's](#) is the 26th (or closest dates to these if cant be on that day) evenings at 6:40pm or saturday mornings

**practice discussions at hszc are available with both Rev. Myo Lahey & Rev. Daiko Tanzen**, David Bullock. please call us, approach them directly, or email: [hszc108@yahoo.com](mailto:hszc108@yahoo.com) to request to schedule time.



### Unfortunate news to report :^(

After the LGBTQQI Pride festivity weekend our donation (dana) box was stolen from our zendo. We are in the process of purchasing a new box we will make strong effort to secure to the building. Please use the main floor dana box for now for in-person donations, or any of our online options are always the most secure. Thank you!



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### words from our Abbot: Rev. Myō Lahey

...the practice in its totality consists in utilizing posture, be it sitting, standing, walking, or lying down, in such a way as to lend yogic support to the body-mind in alert, dispassionate observation of reality, that is, of things as they are, gently and compassionately releasing our karma-fueled tendencies to evaluate, seek after, eject, possess, grasp, triumphalize, flee from, destroy, improve, disprove, have sex with, murder, etc. whatever may be arising in our phenomenal universe. Lacking thorough, mature experience of such practice, it will be difficult to avoid misconstruing what Dōgen is saying.

In fact, what he is saying has nothing whatever to do with whether k'an-hua ch'an or mo- chao ch'an is "better"; that is a vain and silly argument best left alone. Each limns in its way a valid Dharma path, but that does not suggest that Dōgen even for a moment regarded them as "equivalent". You may rest assured that if he believed that to be true, he would have said so, and in no uncertain terms. Just as it would be misguided to believe that Dōgen would be flummoxed by an encounter with a student immersed in hua-t'ou practice, and somehow unable to offer guidance if he felt that was best given the circumstances, it is equally

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misguided to believe that his frequent admonitions to “study this deeply”, “consider this profoundly”, “regard this carefully” amount to a pep-talk to his students who were busily “contemplating a head- word”, or gnawing away at Chao-chou’s dog. The evidence for that, compared to his unflagging celebration of the massive openness of wholehearted shikan-ta-za, is simply not present. Dōgen was as much a master of using language to loosen the toils of language as was Ācārya Nāgārjuna, and his exhortations such as the foregoing demonstrate his awareness that, as is taught in that quintessentially Ts’ao-tung poem, the Pao-ching San-mei Kê (J. Hōkyō Zammai), or “Song of the Jewel Mirror Samādhi”, “The meaning does not reside in the words, but a pivotal moment brings it forth.” Pivotal moments are not the property of any particular school, tradition, lineage, or what-have-you. To assert otherwise descends to level of koanista agit-prop, something which, sadly, one still encounters today (present company quite excepted, of course).

Lastly, I’m well aware that there are those who will assert, “Who cares about all that sectarian by-blow? I’m just gonna get enlightened!” To those seeking some “context-free awakening”, unencumbered by Buddha, Dharma, Sangha, lineage, teacher, student, practice, tradition, inheritance, gratitude, study, no-study, and so on, I would say, “May good fortune be yours, traveler!”, while giving them a wide berth. Your mileage may differ, of course.

[Sweeping Zen published blog post April 2014](#)

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### where's Rin?

On her walk across the U.S. to raise awareness of Environmental Issues...



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### sangha developments -

congratulations to Sheryl Leaf, resident student of HSZC who has been put forward to take on the [Shika](#) role for HSZC. a Shika 知客 is a guest manager, “knower of guests” whose duties involve meeting, caring for and prearing space for guests.

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**HIV meditation group**; weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!  
 thursdays & fridays  
 10:30am zazen  
 11:00am garden socializing

**meditation in recovery**; weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction  
 fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm

**(women only) meditation in recovery**; monthly meditation group for women in recovery from addiction  
 first thurs, 7:15pm -8:45pm

**(men only) meditation in recovery**; a monthly meeting for men in recovery from addiction  
 3rd thurs of every month, 7:30pm-8:30pm

**board of director meetings**; you're invited to attend & observe!  
 second weds of each month, 7:30pm

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*please contact us for rental space & events, ceremonies performed by a zen priest  
 - weddings, memorials, coming of age & baby naming events -*



find other sf bay area lgbtqqi community events [here](#) - or - [here](#)

**national, worldwide & other, holidays [here](#)** (\*warning\* some are pretty silly)



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